

ASHWICK PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD IN OAKHILL VILLAGE HALL
ON 4TH JULY 2018 AT 7.30PM

Present D Barlow (DB, Chair), M Baverstock (MB), P Briscoe (PB), P Dennis (PD),
D Gilson (DG), E Lewis (EL), C Sully (CS) and B Wells (BW). R Battagel (RB) and
D Thorley (DT).

In Attendance S Vaillant (Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

178/18 Apologies were received from S Emery (SE).
Cllrs R and J Carter (District Cllrs) and Cllr M Pullin (County Cllr) advised they would not
be able to attend the meeting.

Action

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATIONS

179/18 No request for dispensation nor declarations of interest were made.

AGREEMENT OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD

180/18 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2018 were agreed to be a true and
accurate record of the meeting held.

- (171/18) Item refers to the gate at the bottom of the path leading to the main
road/school.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (where not dealt with later)

181/18 (157/18) Raised garden bed in High Street & Registration of playing field with Fields in
Trust – Clerk has found the email address of the previous contact at Bartlett Gooding &
Weelen to whom the initial email has been forwarded. Ongoing.

SV

182/18 (162/18) Pedestrian Crossing – Clerk has contacted the PCSO to ask her to visit at
school time to help monitor parking.

SV

DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORTS

183/18 J Carter encouraged councillors to attend the Parish Forum at Mendip on 17th July.

184/18 M Pullin advised that the scheme at the Beacon is being investigated.
Clerk read email received from Juan today regarding Small Improvement Schemes and it
was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council was supportive of such a scheme.

SOMERSET CC; IMPROVING LIVES STRATEGY; CONSULTATION

185/18 After reviewing the document, it was agreed that individual councillors could answer the
survey and it was not necessary to send a Parish Council Response.

CHAIRMAN'S AWARD FOR SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY 2018

186/18 D Thorley proposed to nominate Percy Lambert, who has been living in the village for 94
years, and who is one of the founders and a very active member of the History group.
He is also the oldest living student/pupil of the village school. BW seconded, all agreed.

DB

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

187/18 Chapel Lane to Stockhill; 5th July – 2 days; noted

188/18 Bath Road, Ashwick; 28th August – 4 evenings; Chair to contact the team to get
clarification on the purpose of these works.

DB

189/18 Temporary closure of High Street; 25th July; 28 days (now postponed)

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PLANNING

- 190/18 Updates on previous applications:-
2018/0703/FUL & 2018/0704/LBC; Proposed conversion of 1 no. residential unit into 2 no. residential units; Old Brewery Place; High Street – No decision.
2018/1069/FUL; Roof top extension and alterations to glazing on west elevation; The White House, Old Frome Road to Underhill; Gurney Slade – No decision.
2018/1373/FUL; Relocation of Vehicular Access from A37 to Golf Links Lane to improve visibility and parking spaces to north of property; Batts Farm, Batts Lane, Gurney Slade – No decision
- 191/18 Planning Application 2018/1270/HSE; Prospect House, Fosse Road, Oakhill; Removal of front wall and extension of dropped kerb to create parking area at front of property – BW proposed to recommend approval (PD seconded, unanimously agreed) as it will ease the congestion on that road, ease traffic flow and will also give somewhere to pull in on that road.
- 192/18 Planning Application 2018/1442/HSE; Two-storey and single storey rear extension to dwellinghouse; 2 Gladstone Villas, Pound Lane, Oakhill – D Gilson proposed to recommend approval (PB seconded, unanimously agreed) as the proposals are sympathetic with the existing style of the house and the Council has not received any complaints or comments from neighbours.
- 193/18 Planning Application 2018/1429/FUL; Proposed agricultural building for the housing of livestock; Land at 364743 147940 Bath Road, Oakhill – PD proposed to recommend approval (BW seconded, unanimously agreed) as the Parish Council is keen to support agricultural business.

FINANCE

- 194/18 Financial Statement – Financial statement to 3rd July 2018 was agreed and signed.
- 195/18 Adoption of Financial Regulations – It was unanimously agreed to sign the updated Financial Regulations as per the Clerk's recommendation.
- 196/18 The following invoices were agreed and cheques signed:-
- | | | £ |
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| 838 | S Vaillant; Clerk's Net Salary & Expenses | 617.65 |
| 839 | HMRC | 140.20 |
| 840 | Primrose (Grass cutting) | 1,284.72 |
- 197/18 Grass cutting at the Pound – S Sully proposed to ask Primrose to add it to the grass cutting contract, together with the raised beds in the High Street. Clerk to ask Primrose to contact Bryan Wells to be shown the area and put a quotation forward.

SV / BW

MATTERS OF REPORT

- 198/18 Highways – Parking at the bottom of Zion Hill is now becoming dangerous as cars are obstructing the view of the High Street. Could we ask Highways to have a look at it to consider new or improved markings.
- BW queried if double-yellow lines should be considered outside the pub as it is getting very dangerous to pull out of Fosse Road.
- 199/18 Village Hall – AGM held on Monday 2nd July. A deputy Chair and new Secretary have been appointed and it is hoped that a new Chairman will also be appointed at the next meeting of the Committee.
- A short list of various proposed improvements was drawn up and approved pending further quotations..

DB

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It was noted that the playground reports were still being emailed to the leaving chairman who will forward them to the person taking over.

- 200/18 The two picnic tables outside the hall, which are the parish's responsibility, were recently repaired. It was agreed that costs of materials, etc... should be reimbursed.
- 201/18 Boy racers in the car park on Saturday afternoon left burning smell in the area. It was agreed to monitor the situation as this is unpleasant and could damage the car park surface.
- 202/18 School – Waiting for feedback from the Parents Forum about the school community's view on the proposed crossing.
- 203/18 Footpaths – The condition of the footpath leading up to the surgery has been reported online on the SCC website. P Dennis waiting for a response.
- 204/18 Highways / Footpaths / Speedwatch / PCSO / SALC – Nothing further to report.
- 205/18 Litter picking – There has been a good response to the advert placed in the parish magazine. David Barlow, Martin Baverstock and Peter Dennis also volunteered to help. Lizzie to organize for individuals to be responsible for a small area in the village on an ongoing basis.
- 206/18 P Dennis explained that there might be a possibility of St John Ambulance conducting First Aid Training in the village, after they attended the fete.

DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

- 207/18 The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th September 2018, 7.30pm.